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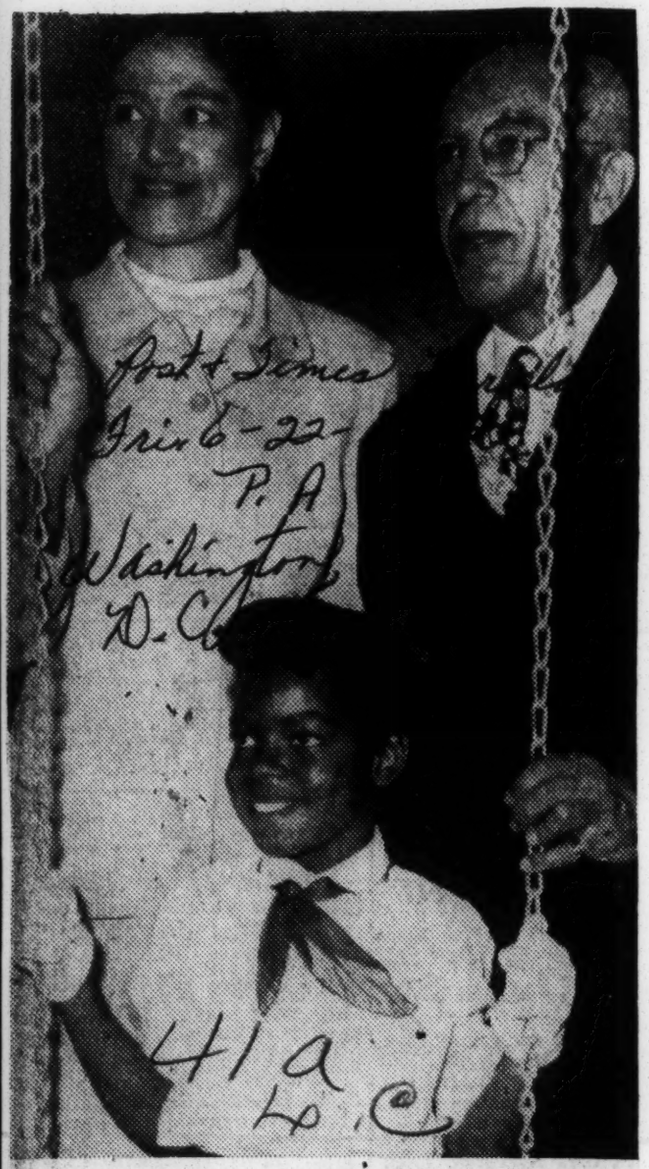

By Dick Darcey, Staff Photographer

New Playground Dedicated

Yvette Woods, 7, of 454 M st. nw. gets in the swing of things after the dedication of the Northwest Settlement House annex playground yesterday. The playground, located at 450 Ridge st. nw., was built partly with funds from the National Celebrities Open Golf Tournament sponsored by this newspaper. With Yvette are Florence Thompson, director of the Northwest Settlement House, and Victor J. Tulane, president of the house's board of directors.

Delray Sits Tight on Seething Problem of Negroes on Beach

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Miami, Fla.

Fourth of a Series

By HENDRIK J. BERNS
Herald Staff Writer

DELRAY BEACH — Only three of the city's five commissioners were in town last week: Mayor Michael (Mike) Yargates, Mrs. Katherine Strong, the vice mayor, and Emory Barrow.

Unlike Mrs. Strong, Yargates and Barrow refused to talk.

They and the two others voted for the two emergency ordinances barring Negroes from the public beach and permitting the search for and seizure of weapons.

They and the two others voted, unlike Mrs. Strong, also for the resolution to exclude all Negroes from city limits.

Yargates and Barrow, separately and together, repeated again and again only one sentence for publication:

"We are trying to do the best for the community."

Beyond this statement, everything they said was prefaced by the demand: "This is off the record."

Barrow criticized press, radio and television and particularly The Miami Herald for their handling of stories on the Delray Beach Negro problem.

Yargates did not criticize The Herald but he complained that the city had been s m e a r e d from "here to Africa." He said he felt any additional statement would just add fuel "to the fire."

I spent two hours with Yargates. At the end of the first hour, Barrow arrived with City Manager William E. Lawson Jr. I continued to counter complaints about bad publicity with the offer to arrange equally extensive publicity for any statement they might wish to make.

Lawson attempted to move both to make at least some sort of a "generalized" statement. They said they would think about it. But the next morning they said there would be no statement.

Barrow and Yargates also preferred not to answer this question:

Whether their passage of the exclusion resolution meant that no compromise could be reached and "surgery" was the only way out.

Nevertheless, these conclusions can be drawn:

The city has gone out on a limb with the exclusion act;

The echo of this step has not been welcome;

The existing deadlock was created by this step;

The deadlock can hardly be broken locally;

Possibly, only impressive, influential outside help can break it;

Meanwhile, the city will continue to sit tight.

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NEXT: Why these conclusions can be drawn.

IN LOUISVILLE

Informer p 19

60 Integrated Playgrounds Open For City's Children

Houston Ltr

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LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—Sixty pllaygrounds, open to children of all races were slated to begin two months' long summer season Monday of this week. Accord- to a story appearing in the substantial Louisville Defender, there is a playground within easy walking distance of practically every neighborhood in the city.

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The Defender secured its information relative to playground facilities from City Division or Recreation officials.

Operating hours of the playgrounds vary, but most will be open all day, Monday through Friday. Some lighted playgrounds will be open at night. All playgrounds will be supervised by trained recreation workers.

In addition to the regular day-by-day play activities a long list of special events are planned for the children. Adults will participate in the program also.

Mother's Club Too

Mothers Clubs will be organized on each City playground. These clubs will provide adult-oriented craft, social and athletic activities for mothers. The clubs will also help mothers become better acquainted witr the program enjoyed by their children.

"Our goal is recreation for everyone," said Mrs Vivian Collins, City Recreation Division General Program Supervisor, "and we feel that the Mothers Club will be educational and entertaining for all mothers."

Although Mom will be well cared for, the emphasis for the summer season is still on children's activities. Arts and crafts, athletic events, day camp trips to City-owned Otter Creek Park, pet shows, Community Nights, Youth Band Concerts, the annual playground Carnival and special parades are a few of the more than fifty events recreation leaders have scheduled for the summer program.

Trips Planned

Another speciality of the program will be trips to the shows at the Amphitheater in Iropuois Park. Tickets entitling persons to one free admission with every ticket purchased will be distributed by Recreation Division workers.

Mrs Collins urged all parents to send their children to what she termed the "safe and happy playgrounds" beginning Monday. No fees are charged for playground activities and all children are welcome, according to Mrs Collins.

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ride the ball along way. But so does Mantle. just as far and just as high. I will say that Ruth used to get hold of them more often when he was having his big years but Mickey's still a kid. He'll probably make us for get'em all.

"How can anybody have any doubts who has seen this boy belt them this spring?" Dickey asked. "Do you realize that he hit two over the center field fence in Washington on opening day? Two—two of them in one day. Both of those drivers had to be way over 500 feet.

"In all the years I've been going into Griffith Stadium, I've only seen one other ball hit over that fence where Mickey hit his.

"That one was beltedb yRtu

"That one was belted by Ruth and the ball landed in that tree behind the center field fence, just about where Mantle's home runs went on opening day this year.

"I remember the Babe's smash as though is happened yesterday," Dicky recalls in The Sporting News. "I remember it clearly. It made that much of an impression on me. Babe hit it off a little left hander named Burke... I think his first name was Bobby, and I'll bet he never fogot t, either. It was a long, high one, but no longer and no higher that what we saw Mickey smash in Washington and in other ball parks."

About the only fellow in baseball who isn't blowing up a good head of steam over the slugging feats of Mantle is Mantle himself, says The Sporting News.

The switcher parries any and all queries about his retreaded batting style with the same answer he had for the curious after he had belted a few tape measure jobs during spring training activities at St Petersburg.

"I'm just trying to lay off those bad balls," he declares.

With Mickey, it's as simple at that.

Swimming pool integration

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BALTIMORE

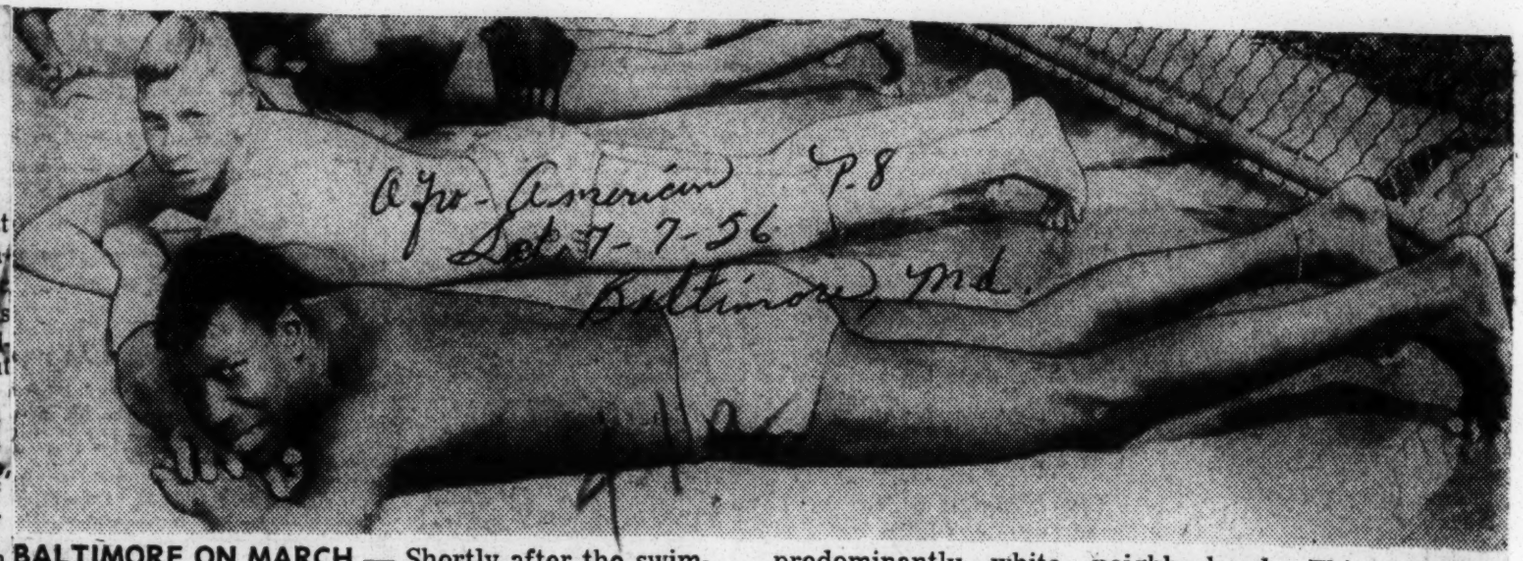
At the conclusion of the first four days of integrated operation of Baltimore City's public swimming pools, park officials said Thursday that the transition had been effected without incident.

Clifton Park Pool, located on the St. Lo Drive between Washington and Sinclair Lane, reported the attendance of 2,212 colored bathers Saturday through Tuesday.

Druid Hill Park Pool No. 2, located near the Stieff Silverware Co., bridge at the eastern edge of the park, reported 2,241 colored bathers for the same period.

Considerably smaller attendancce by colored bathers was reported at other formerly all white pools. Among these were:

Riverside, Riverside and Randall, 12; Gwynns Falls, Wilkins Ave., and Hurley St., 73; Patterson Park, near Ortman Field and Athletic Field, 42. No colored attendance was reported at Roosevelt.



BALTIMORE ON MARCH — Shortly after the swimming pools in the Monumental City were desegregated last week, colored persons were to be found swimming, without incident, in every city-owned pool in the city, with the exception of one, which is in a predominantly white neighborhood. This scene showing colored and white swimmers basking in the sun together in a relaxed manner, shows how amicably the changeover was effected.

S. C. park case back in court

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — An appeal from a ruling by Federal Judge Ashton H. Williams, which took Edisto Beach State Park off the hook in an integration case brought by five persons, has been noted.

John H. Wrighten, attorney, said that plaintiffs — J. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Etta Clark, John Chisolm and Charles C. Mason— have asked the Circuit Court of Appeals to pass on whether or not Judge Williams' dismissal of the complaint can stand.

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FOLLOWING several hearings, Williams dismissed the suit after the state legislature ordered the facility closed, an action plaintiffs contend aimed at thwarting justice.

It's also their contention that the dismissal leaves the state in position to re-open the park when it so pleases, an opinion supported by Williams' findings, which said the state could close the park at its decision.

The appeal notice, however, does not stipulate issues on which arguments will be based. Attorneys for the appellants have until September 11 in which to file a breif. The case will be argued in October.

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MEANWHILE, Donald B. Cooler, superintendent of Edisto Beach State Park, resigned during the week and another man was named to succeed him.

Cooler, along with several state park officers, was a defendant in the case.

Edisto is one of 33 parks operated, five of them for colored, but the only one which by statute, is segregated.

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PREVIOUSLY announced possibility of other state parks drawing legal attack this year has not yet materialized. Normally, the parks end their season with Labor Day.

Plaintiffs in the Edisto case argued that they were denied admission to the facility and have none for their race in the area. Both sides had agreed to abide by rulings in the Maryland Park and playground cases before Williams dismissed the suit.

Negroes Insist Upon Equal Share Of Recreation

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TEXARKANA, Tex. — (ANP) — Negro leaders last week demanded the right to share public recreational facilities with white persons in Texarkana.

"Inasmuch as Negro citizens of Texarkana pay their taxes," said John J. Jones of the Texarkana NAACP, J. L. Montgomery and W. L Gibson, "there is no reason why public facilities should not be open to them."

Montgomery said that the city has provided no recreational facilities for Negro youth.

"We are not represented by this council," he said, "but we are affected by its decisions."

Asked by City Attorney William V. Brown Jr. whether Negroes would agree to a bond issue for the erection of separate facilities, Montgomery sharply retorted that they would not.

"Why," he said, "should we accept the imposition of an additional financial burden when all you have to do is open the doors of the present facilities to us?

Tribute Paid To Donald A. Wingo, Norfolk Ass't Rec. Superintendent

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NORFOLK, VA.

Donald C. Wingo, assistant superintendent of recreation for the City of Norfolk, was tendered a surprise party by members of the Recreation Department on Monday night, at the Bowling Park Recreation Center.

The full staff of city recreation workers and many friends of Mr. Wingo gathered to tender him a testimonial and a plaque which bore a citation of merit along with a wrist watch.

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MRS. LUCINDA Goodman presided, and introduced P. J. Chesson, principal of Bowling Park School, who presented a plaque on behalf of the department workers.

Mr. Chesson traced the origin and early struggles of the recreation program in Norfolk, in which he played a large part. Others who took part in the program were Vernon Ridgewell, superintendent of recreation; the Rev. E. Paul Simms, pastor of First Baptist Church; P. B. Young, publisher of the Journal and Guide; Miss Cora Webster, who presented flowers to Mrs. Wingo; Mrs. Daisy S. Holmes, who had charge of the musical part of the program; Mrs. Lillie G. Winfield, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Williams, Mrs. Helen E. Olivus, Shirley Boothe Henry A. Davis, Mrs. Gladys Scott and W. T. Lee. Mr. Lee made the presentation of the watch.

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MR. WINGO began working with youth in 1926 as principal of Wytheville (Va.) Training School. He was called to the principalship of the Eagle Avenue High School in Charleston, W. Va. from Wytheville, and from that post to the principalship of Peabody High School, Petersburg. He came to Norfolk during World War II to accept the post of director of the Smith Street USO. Following that he was employed as the first full-time supervisor of recreation for Negroes in 1946, and was promoted to the post of assistant superintendent of recreation in 1950.

He was awarded membership on the Journal and Guide Honor Roll in 1950; was selected by Governor Tuck to serve on the Virginia State Committee of White House Conference on Children that June, and has appeared on programs of the National Recreation Congress in New Orleans, Boston and Philadelphia.

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MR. WINGO HAS served as a member of the National Advisory Board of the Southern Region of the National Recreation Association, and was awarded a citation for outstanding service. He is the first Negro to serve as vice-president of Virginia Recreation Association, and later became a member of its board of directors. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, Bute street; Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, the Frontiers of America, Chi Beta Chi Club and national and state recreation associations.

Mr. Wingo attended Hampton Institute, received the bachelor of science degree from Virginia State College, and the master of arts degree from the University of Michigan. He is married to the former Miss Emma Lee Pegram of Petersburg, Va., who is now a librarian at the Lindenwood School. Mrs. Wingo shared the honors with her husband, receiving quite an ovation.